

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## BERRY SEASON OPENS.

### Hood River Valley Thronged With Pickers of Many Kinds.

Hood River—For the first time in two years Hood River will have a characteristic strawberry season, with all its attendant rush and excitement. For two seasons the river has not been high enough for boats to land at the town and deliver their merry cargoes of berry pickers from both up and down the river. This year there is high water. The boats began landing at the town today, and from now on until the season ends, Indians, school teachers, residents of Portland and towns in the Willamette Valley and along the Columbia River will pour into Hood River for the berry season. Hood River merchants always expect a brisk business during the berry season. In some years more money is realized from strawberries than apples, and the returns being quicker, it gets to circulation at once. Pickers who are adept and industrious earn from \$2 to \$3 per day, and some as high as \$3.50. A ride through the valley during the season shows strawberry fields everywhere dotted with pickers in a variety of picturesque garbs, from girls in blue overalls to the stately Indian in his flaming red blanket or head dress.

## Long Detour to Reach Albany.

Albany—Though living within 15 miles of Albany, residents of the Santiam country are now forced to travel twice that far to reach this city. Unsafe and damaged bridges are the cause. When the Sanderson bridge was partially washed out in the Santiam floods last winter, residents of the "Forks of the Santiam," as that country is locally termed, could reach the county seat via Jefferson. But now that the big wagon bridge at Jefferson has been closed to traffic by order of the courts of Linn and Marion counties, the nearest open bridge across the Santiam is at Lebanon. This makes the distance to Albany about 30 miles.

## S. P. Refuses to Sell Land.

Eugene—Attorney A. C. Woodcock, who was sent to San Francisco to tender the money put up by about 50 Eugene people for the purpose of buying timber lands in the Southern Pacific Company's land grant, has returned from the Bay City. He says that when he tendered the money it was promptly refused and that the officials in the office became angry and little short of ordered him out. The matter will now be taken into the courts and those who have put their money into the pool have hopes of a decision soon to force the company to sell.

## Malheur Irrigation Project.

Vale—The chief engineer for the Christian Co-operative Federation arrived in Vale Sunday from Portland, and in connection with Colonel R. G. Wheeler, their resident attorney here, left for Willow Creek where they have purchased reservoir sites for their irrigation project in that valley. The chief engineer stated there would be a crew of surveyors to arrive here soon, and that they would commence work on that project at once. The irrigation of this valley means the reclamation of something like 150,000 acres of valuable land.

## Federal Inspectors Will Dip Sheep.

Eugene—The squabble over the enforcement of the new law, which requires the dipping of all sheep every year, has been practically settled with the Lane county farmers, who declared that they will not allow an inspector to dip their sheep. E. N. Hutchinson, of the United States bureau of animal industry, was here and decided that only those flocks should be dipped that are diseased and that the others would be left alone. Several Federal inspectors will do the work.

## Bill Goes Up to Voters.

Salem—Chief Clerk Kiser, of the secretary of state's office, has finished checking the referendum petitions on the Multnomah county sheriff's bill and finds there are 4,972 valid signatures. There were 6,000 on the petition and 4,666 are necessary. The bill therefore will not become a law until it has been voted upon by the people or until the courts have found some defect in the petition not found by the secretary's office.

## Astoria Will Aid Railway.

Astoria—The Chamber of Commerce at its meeting this evening instructed its committee to assist in securing rights of way for the Portland-Oregon & Sea Coast Railway Company from Clatsop City toward the Nehalem Valley. The chamber also adopted a resolution condemning dance halls.

## Clatsop Will Exhibit.

Astoria—The special committee of the Chamber of Commerce appointed to consider the advisability of Clatsop County making an exhibit at the coming state fair, has prepared its report recommending that the exhibit be made.

## STATE HAS LAND TO SELL.

### Kelliher Tracts to Be Put on Market Soon.

Salem—The State Land Board has decided to stand by its act cancelling state land certificates held by A. T. Kelliher, covering some 30,000 acres and next week, after the new law goes into effect, the board will re-pay to Kelliher the portion of the purchase price already paid, and then advertise the lands for sale to highest bidders in tracts of not to exceed 320 acres.

Kelliher was before the board with a request that deeds be granted to assignees of certain certificates which he claimed were granted upon genuine applications. The request was denied. He also requested the privilege of buying for members of his family some 1,300 acres of land at \$2.50 an acre, in consideration of which he would give the board the crusings of his 30,000 acres of cancelled lands, but this was also refused.

The board took a strong "stand pat" attitude, and refused to compromise or make any agreements, but will put all cancelled lands up for sale on equal terms to all. As some of Kelliher's lands are supposed to be quite valuable, there is likely to be some scrambling for desirable tracts when they are offered for sale, which will probably be early next month.

## Crushed Rock for Eugene Streets.

Eugene—A carload of machinery has arrived here for crushing rock to be used in the paving of Willamette street, and it is thought paving will begin at once. The only obstacle in the way of pushing the work is the arrival of rails for the Willamette Valley Company, and they are looked for daily. The machinery will be taken at once to the rock supply back of Skinner's Butte.

## Shad for Oregon.

Oregon City—Supt. O'Malley, of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, has returned from an official visit of inspection of the government hatcheries on the Upper Columbia. He said today that the bureau would conduct operations with shad in June and will take eggs between Oregon City and the mouth of the Clackamas, in the Willamette River. A shad hatchery will be operated at Willamette Falls.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 84 @ 85c; bluestem, 87 @ 88c; Valley, 83 @ 84c; red, 82 @ 83c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$28.50 @ 29; gray, \$28.

Rye—\$1.45 @ 1.50 per cwt.

Barley—Feed, \$21.50 @ 22 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$23.50 @ 24.50.

Corn—Whole, \$26; cracked, \$27 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17 @ 18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$21 @ 23; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9 @ 10; grain hay, \$9 @ 10; alfalfa, \$13 @ 14.

Domestic fruits—Strawberries, 13 1/2 @ 15c per pound; Oregon, 20 @ 25c per pound; cherries, \$1.75 per box; apples, \$1 @ 2.50 per box; gooseberries, 8 @ 10c per pound.

Root vegetables—Turnips \$2 per sack; carrots, \$2.50 per sack; beets, \$1.25 @ 1.50 per sack; garlic, 7 1/2 @ 10c per pound; horseradish, 7 @ 8c per pound.

Fresh vegetables—Cabbage, California, \$2.50 per sack; cauliflower, \$1 @ 1.25; dozen; lettuce, head, 35 @ 45c dozen; onions, 10 @ 12 1/2c per dozen; tomatoes, \$2.25 @ 4.50 crate; parsley, 25 @ 30c; artichokes, 65 @ 75c dozen; hothouse lettuce, \$2 box; peas, 7 1/2 @ 10c; radishes, 20c dozen; asparagus, 7 @ 8c pound; bell peppers, 30 @ 35c pound; rhubarb, 4c per pound; cucumbers, 50c @ 1.50; spinach, \$1.50 per crate; beans, 15c per pound; squash, 50c @ \$1 per box.

Onions—Oregon, \$2 @ 2.50 per hundred; Texas, 1 1/2c per pound.

Potatoes—Jobbing price; Oregon and Eastern, \$2.00 per sack; new potatoes, 5 1/2 @ 6c pound; sweet potatoes, 6c per pound.

Butter—City creameries: Extra creamery, 22 1/2c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 20 @ 22 1/2c; store butter, 17 @ 17 1/2c.

Butter fat—First grade cream, 21c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

Cheese—Oregon full cream twins, 16 @ 17c; Young America, 17 @ 18c per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 14c; mixed chickens, 13 1/2c; Spring fryers and broilers, 20 @ 25c; old roosters 9 @ 10c; dressed chickens, 16 @ 17c; turkeys, live, 13 @ 15c; turkeys dressed, choice, 18 1/2 @ 20c; geese, live, per pound, 8c; young ducks, nominal; old ducks, 16 @ 18c; pigeons, \$1 @ 1.50; squabs, \$2 @ 3.

Eggs—18 @ 18 1/2c per dozen.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 4 @ 4 1/2c per pound; cows, 6 @ 7c; country steers, 7 @ 8c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10 @ 10 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 6 @ 9c; spring lambs, with pelts, 9 @ 10c.

Veal—Dressed, 75 @ 125 pounds, 8c; 125 @ 150 pounds, 7c; 150 @ 200 pounds, 6c; 200 pounds and up, 5 1/2 @ 6c.

Pork—Dressed, 100 @ 130 pounds, 8 1/2 @ 9c; 150 @ 200 pounds, 7 @ 7 1/2c; 200 pounds and up, 6 @ 6 1/2c.

## REACTION BOUND TO COME.

### Railroad Man Predicts Adverse Feeling Towards Nation.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 21.—President William H. Canniff, of the new York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad company, (Nickel Plate) believes in the regulation of railroads by the nation and the state, but regards the present activities of President Roosevelt as productive of harm to the country in general. He thinks that railroad regulation should be accomplished by liberal conservatism, else ill effects will be felt by the people.

"The pendulum is swinging in one direction now," said President Canniff today, "but it can not fail to swing back, and when it swings back it is bound to sway a good deal in the other direction. I do not mean by that that we need fear a financial panic; but I do mean simply that there will be a retarding of the progression of the last five years for which the country will be the worse off.

"Nations must have their heroes. Read into history and see where Caesar was lauded by his people one day and perhaps the next was railed at. The president has struck a key note that has met with ready response on the part of the people, only it is not always sane to believe that the approval of the masses is assurance that the most good is to come to the biggest number of people, for the world often applauds a man and later on discovers that what they approved has done them no good. "It will not be long ere the whole situation will be settled into even running again, but not until after the pendulum has had its swing a little the other way."

## FOLK HEARS GRAFT STORIES.

### Members of Kansas City Police Force Bring Tales to Governor.

Kansas City, Mo., May 21.—Governor Joseph W. Folk left for Jefferson City today after a conference with the local police commissioners, regarding graft charges that lasted until 1 o'clock this morning. He had but a few hours' sleep last night and early today continued conferring with persons from different walks of life, who made him acquainted with various phases of police corruption. Among his callers were policemen and police detectives, who are said to have laid bare numerous irregularities, evidently in the hope of gaining immunity for themselves. Governor Folk's investigations have convinced him that there is a very strong alliance existing between the Metropolitan Street Railway company and the police force. A high official of the police department is authority for the statement that within two years this alleged alliance has been encouraged by the heads of the departments. Mayor Beardsley has repeatedly said that policemen have been overzealous in serving the streetcar companies, when passengers have been injured in accidents. It was charged that instead of taking steps promptly to relieve the sufferings of the injured, the policemen notify the claim agents of the company.

## RUSH RAILS TO FAR EAST.

### American Factories Busy With Hurry Orders for Japan.

New York, May 21.—America's industrial invasion of the Far East is now in full swing, and Japan is pouring a golden stream into the United States for steel rails, cars and locomotives. Twelve million dollars already have been expended in this country for railroad supplies to be used in the construction of Southern Manchuria railways, and it is now learned that contracts involving millions of dollars are pending. Deliveries of rails are being made, and for the next three months steamships chartered by Japan will ply across the Pacific bearing valuable cargoes of steel and iron.

Manchuria will be strapped with American steel rails from Dalny to Mukden, and the traveler will ride in cars of American manufacture and drawn by locomotives built in this country. Thousands of dollars have been spent in premiums to American manufacturers for quick deliveries, for the Japanese insist that these railroads must be built and in full operation within two years. Japan's representatives were told to go ahead and get the railroad supplies at all costs.

## Burglars Crack Big Safe.

Missoula, Mont., May 21.—Cracksmen shattered the door to the treasurer's vault of Missoula county at an early hour this morning, but before they secured the money they were frightened away. The treasurer's office in the court house is within 75 feet of the county jail. The explosion was heard by the prisoners in the jail, but owing to the fact that the deputies were engaged in arresting several suspicious characters, nobody in authority knew of the attempted burglary until later.

## Women Get \$500,000 Funds.

Pittsburg, May 21.—In a popular subscription campaign of ten days, the members of the Young Women's Christian association of this city have raised a building fund of over \$300,000, there by earning an endowment fund of \$200,000 from H. C. Frick.

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

## SAW BROWNSVILLE SHOOTING.

### Editor of Mexico Paper Saw Negroes Kill Bartender Natrous.

Washington, May 23.—Paulino D. Preclado, editor of a Mexican newspaper in Brownsville, Tex., and an eye-witness to the shooting of Frank Natrous, the only man killed in the affray there, was on the stand today before the Senate committee on military affairs. Dramatically telling his story in Spanish and having it interpreted for the committee, he proved to be the most important witness during the present hearing.

When the shooting began, Preclado was sitting in the court in the rear of Tillman's saloon. According to his story today, Mr. Crixell, who conducts a saloon across the street from Tillman's place, rushed in excitedly and reported that the "negroes were out." The doors to Tillman's saloon were immediately closed and barred and Natrous, the bartender, started across the court to bar the gate which connected the court with the alley. Preclado followed, but before he had emerged from the saloon in the court he saw five or six negro soldiers in uniform enter the gate. They fired several shots, and Natrous threw up his arms and, exclaiming in Spanish, "Oh, my God," fell on his back.

He was killed instantly. Another bullet grazed Preclado's hand and it bled profusely. Still another bullet passed through Preclado's coat and vest near the left breast pocket and broke his glasses, which were in a case in the pocket. The men immediately proceeded down the alley, shooting as they went.

He swore positively the men were negro soldiers.

## FORAKER CONFUSES POLICE.

### Accuses Witness of Telling Different Stories Than Before.

Washington, May 22.—Three members of the Brownsville, Tex., police force were questioned today in the investigation being conducted by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. All testified concerning the incidents attending the Brownsville affray and all became somewhat confused under cross-examination by Senator Foraker when he called attention to discrepancies between their stories today and those told on the stand on a previous occasion.

Policeman Victoriano Fernandez testified that he heard the shooting, and as he ran downtown from his home he was summoned to the Tillman saloon, where he found the bartender lying dead. He gave it as his opinion that the man had been killed by negro soldiers. He said he had seen no soldiers that night, as most of the shooting was over before he got down town.

Senator Foraker called attention to the testimony before the citizens' committee in Brownsville two days after the affray, when Fernandez told a vivid story of having been chased by two negro soldiers, who fired several shots at him.

## Manufacturers Want Tariff Revision.

New York, May 23.—The National Association of Manufacturers of the United States went on record as in favor of a revision of the tariff and the negotiation of more treaties. Some debating preceded this vote on the report of the committee on tariff and reciprocity. The committee based its recommendations on a poll of the 3,000 members of the association. Of the total number replying 55 per cent declared for immediate revision, while 20 per cent expressed a "stand-pat" sentiment. Eight per cent believed that the time for revision had not arrived.

## Pugilist Pardoned by President.

Washington, May 23.—The Department of Justice today prepared and transmitted to the White House for the President's signature, when he returns from his outing in Virginia, a warrant for the pardon of John L. Lennon, the marine corps private who is serving one year's imprisonment at Governor's Island, N. Y., for desertion. Lennon is a nephew of John L. Sullivan, the former pugilist, whose intercession with the president resulted in clemency.

## "Woman in Blue" Arrested.

Washington, May 25.—Mrs. Isabella A. Case, who attracted some attention as "The Woman in Blue," who tried to see the President at Oyster Bay last summer, and who has since sought to see the President was arrested here last night on a charge of insanity and taken to the House of Detention, pending examination. She is 40 years old.

## Coal Production in 1906.

Washington, May 21.—The total production of coal in the United States in 1906 was 414,039,581 short tons of 2,000 pounds, valued at \$512,610,744. Pennsylvania contributed 200,546,084 short tons. West Virginia has supplanted Illinois as the second coal producing state.

## President Returns Home.

Washington, May 24.—The President and Mrs. Roosevelt, who have been enjoying six days' vacation at Pine Knot, the country home of Mrs. Roosevelt, arrived in this city at 8:45 Wednesday night.

## ACT ON HARRIMAN MERGER.

### Commission Will Decide Suit Regardless of Court.

Washington, May 24.—It is not the intention of the Interstate Commerce Commission to await the result of the proceedings to compel E. H. Harriman to answer certain inquiries that were put to him in the New York investigation before taking action on the general subject of the investigation.

In the opinion of members of the Commission, it may be a year or more before a final decision can be reached regarding the refusal of Mr. Harriman to answer questions. The proceedings will be instituted in New York the latter part of this month, or the first of next month. It is expected that, if the court upholds the Commission, Mr. Harriman will carry the case to higher courts. Should the lower courts be adverse to the Commission, it is probable that it will carry the matter up, inasmuch as a right of the Commission is involved.

The case would have been brought earlier, but the attorneys of the Commission have been engaged on other work. The arguments in the Standard Oil cases, which are to take place in St. Paul, will occupy the attention of Messrs. Kellogg and Severance, and they will not be able to take up the Harriman matter until after these are finished. Without reference, however, to the determination of that question, the Commission will consider the merits of the general inquiry into the Harriman lines and reach its conclusion on the facts presented. The indications are that a determination of the case will be reached in a few weeks.

## CANNOT FINISH CRUISERS.

### Labor Union Troubles in San Francisco Responsible.

Washington, May 22.—The Union Iron Works has just given up the task of completing the cruiser California, as also building the South Dakota, a cruiser of similar type. The South Dakota is now 97.4 completed and work on her is being carried on. It is regarded at the Navy Department that, in view of the labor troubles, the completion of these two cruisers marks the end of naval construction at San Francisco for some time.

The reports to the Navy Department from San Francisco show the California to be 99.6 per cent completed. All that remains to be done is a little work in the turrets, considerable painting and finishing up of odds and ends. The California is a sister ship to the West Virginia, which is now the flagship of the Pacific Coast fleet. The contract price of the California is \$3,800,000. Her keel was laid May 7, 1902, and she was launched April 28, 1904.

## Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 26.—Postmasters appointed:

Oregon—Mayville, Laura E. McConnell, vice M. S. Thomas, removed; Placer, Ruth W. Scovill, vice Molly Irwin, resigned.

Washington—Columbus, Milan Robinson, vice K. T. Stark, resigned; Pe-Ell, George H. Dodge, vice J. G. Dunlap, resigned; Pledmont, John J. Cunnea, vice N. N. Bell, resigned.

Rural free delivery carriers appointed for Washington routes—East Spokane, route 2, Frederick L. Huggill carrier, S. J. Payne substitute; Spokane Bridge, route 1, William F. Galloway carrier, Wallace Galloway, substitute.

## Relief of Greek Refugees.

Washington, May 25.—The State Department received the following dispatch today:

"Owing to great numbers of refugees arriving in Greece from Bulgaria and elsewhere in Turkey in Europe, the Greek Chamber of Deputies before adjourning for the Easter holidays, authorized a loan of 10,000,000 francs for the purpose of furnishing these refugees with the implements, etc., necessary to enable them to begin life in their new homes."

## O'Brien Succeeds Wright.

Washington, May 21.—It was announced at the State department today that Thomas J. O'Brien, of Michigan, United States minister to Copenhagen, will become ambassador to Japan in September upon the retirement of Luke E. Wright, who has given notice to the department that he wishes to leave the service at that date. A successor to O'Brien has not yet been selected.

## Rates on Petroleum Too High.

Washington, May 23.—Freight rates on petroleum and its products from Ohio and Pennsylvania to St. Paul, Omaha, Sioux City and Sioux Falls constituted the subject of a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The complaint is that the tariffs in force are excessive and unreasonable.

## Two Deaths From Plague.

Washington, May 23.—A cablegram from Honolulu to the Marine Hospital Service in this city, reports two deaths yesterday from plague and one new case of that disease.